The focus has been shifted from "Pledging of Eyes" to "Actual Collection of Eyes" by launching "Hospital Retrievable Programme" in major with various specialities, teaching hospitals attached to Medical Colleges and large multi-specialty hospitals in Government and Non-Government Sector, Army, Railways, ESI and Industrial Establishments of the Country.

Causes of infant deaths

1311. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the respiratory and gastro-intestinal disorders are two major causes of infant deaths;

(b) if so, whether our district and block level hospitals are having specialists in these fields and are equipped with the requisite infrastructure; and

(c) what is the extent of penetration of healthcare in semi-urban and rural areas, in addition to rural health coverage under the Grameen Swasthiya Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per the Report on Causes of death in India 2001-2003, by the Registrar General of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, the leading causes of infant deaths are as under :-

1. Perinatal conditions (46%);

2. Respiratory infections (22%);

3. Diarrhoeal diseases (10%);

4. Other infectious and parasitic diseases (8%);

5. Congenital anomalies (3.1%);

(b) and (c) Under the umbrella of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) (2005-2012) the Reproductive and Child Health Programme Phase II, aims to improve access for rural people, especially poor women and children to equitable, affordable, accountable and effective primary health care, with a special focus on 18 States which have weak public health indicators and weak infrastructure. This includes creation of new health facilities and up gradation of the existing ones, need based hiring of skilled manpower and provision of required equipments and drugs.

Central assistance for eradication of malaria

1312. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether malaria has taken a heavy toll of life this year in Mumbai, Maharashtra and other States this year;